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Dear Sir/Madam.

I am writing in support of the plan for wireless local number portability. Providing wireless number portability will provide consumers with greater flexibility and choice in terms of reducing the barrier to switching carriers. This change will force cellphone providers to provide better service and will ultimately decrease costs for the consumers. Wireless providers who are unable to provide good value in terms of features, coverage and reasonable prices will ultimately suffer, as they should.

Wireless number portability has been a feature in countries such as Hong Kong and Singapore and others without a decrease in the service. If anything, services in those countries have improved as carriers are forced to be more accountable to their customers. Please note my unqualified support for this measure

Regards,

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